ADMINISTRATIVE
INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY
IAB FO2362406

Unit:	Lancaster Sheriff's Station
Suspect:	Raymond Govea, MH/DOB 02/14/86
Date / Time	July 31, 2014 / 2324 hours
Location:	[redacted] East Avenue J-8 Lancaster CA. 93535

SYNOPSIS

On July 31, 2014 at 2324 hours, Deputies Michael Courtial and Ronald Carter were assigned to Lancaster Station as Unit 112. During their shift, they received a battery just occurred call at [redacted] East Avenue J-8. They contacted [redacted] who told the deputies she was assaulted by Suspect Ray Govea, who was standing on the north sidewalk in front of [redacted] East Avenue J-8. Deputies Courtial and Carter parked their patrol car 15-20 yards away from the suspect as he immediately became confrontational with them. The suspect ducked up and down behind a dark colored Expedition parked along the curb, and reached into his waistband as though he had a weapon. He shouted at the deputies by saying, "Fuck you pigs" and other obscenities. The deputies ordered the suspect to show his hands, but he did not comply. The suspect took a boxing stance and raised his fists at chest level and challenged the deputies to a fight. Deputy Carter requested assistance on his portable radio and coordinated the responding deputies to his location.

Deputies [redacted], Jeremy Farley, Jeremy Esswein, Sheldon Sherman, [redacted] Aaron Tanner, [redacted], [redacted] and several other units, including Field Supervisor, Sergeant Luan Dang acknowledged the assistance request and responded to the scene.

The deputies armed themselves with lethal and less lethal (12 gauge stunbags and Tasers) weapons. They paralleled themselves south of the suspect, using parked vehicles or their patrol cars for cover. The suspect moved about the sidewalk as he continued to duck up and down between cars. The suspect was given numerous verbal commands to get down on the ground, but he did not comply. As deputies approached the suspect from different angles, the suspect suddenly rushed toward them at varying distances, making it appear he was going to assault them.

Deputy Courtial, Farley and [redacted] who were standing 15-30 feet apart from each other, perceived the suspect's actions as threatening. They believed the suspect was going to assault them or their partners. They fired their stunbags at the suspect at different stages from different angles, but virtually concurrent. Deputy Courtial fired four stunbag rounds, Deputy Farley fired three rounds and Deputy [redacted] fired 4 rounds. The suspect was struck several times on his torso, the front and back of his legs, and one round to the lower back. None of the rounds seemed to effect the suspect as he continued to rush at the deputies.

The suspect then stopped advancing toward the deputies, and turned his body to get back on the sidewalk. As he turned, he tripped over the curb and fell face first to the ground. The deputies approached the suspect and saw he was trying to push himself off the ground with his hands. Deputy Courtial fired his Taser and the darts struck him on the lower back. The suspect fell back to the ground, but he shifted his body and kicked out his legs. Deputy [redacted] placed his right knee on the suspect's back to apply downward pressure as he pulled the suspect's left arm behind his back. Deputy [redacted] assisted by holding the suspect's left arm, while Deputy [redacted] retrieved his handcuffs. Deputy [redacted] grabbed the suspect's right hand and pulled it behind his back. Deputy [redacted] then handcuffed him. Deputy Farley applied a firm grip to the suspect's legs as he and Deputy [redacted] applied the hobble restraint. For more information, refer to the Incident and supplemental reports, written by deputy personnel **(Exhibit A).**

The suspect was transported to Antelope Valley Hospital via ambulance. As a result of this incident, Suspect Govea sustained multiple injuries. For a list of his injuries, refer to the **"Injuries"** section of this summary.

Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) Lieutenant David Flores was notified, along with Sergeants Jose Uribe and Daniel Martin, who responded to the Lancaster Station to conduct an administrative review of the incident. Sergeant Jose Uribe was given the responsibility of handling the Force Review.

INVOLVED PERSONNEL

Deputy Michael J. Courtial #[redacted]
Lancaster Station – 02/23/14 (Current Assignment)
Department Hire Date – 05/03/10
Prior Founded Force – [redacted]

Deputy Jeremy E. Farley #[redacted]
Lancaster Station – 06/01/14 (Current assignment)
Department Hire Date – 04/19/12
Prior Founded Force – [redacted]

Deputy [redacted]
Lancaster Station – 01/24/10 (Current assignment)
Department Hire Date – 03/26/07

Prior Founded Force – [redacted]

[redacted] # [redacted]
Lancaster Station – 06/01/14 (Current assignment)
Department Hire Date – 06/07/07
Prior Founded Force – [redacted]

[redacted] # [redacted]
Lancaster Station – 11/10/13 (Current assignment)
Department Hire Date – 10/15/07
Prior Founded Force – [redacted]

[redacted]
Lancaster Station – 12/01/13 (Current assignment)
Department Hire Date – 04/01/10
Prior Founded Force – [redacted]

DEPARTMENT WITNESSES

Deputy Ronald T. Carter # [redacted]
Lancaster Station – 01/24/10 (Current assignment)
Department Hire Date – 02/12/07

Jeremy M. Esswein # [redacted]
Lancaster Station – 11/15/09 (Current assignment)
Department Hire Date – 11/20/06

Deputy Aaron D. Tanner # [redacted]
Lancaster Station – 01/24/10 (Current assignment)
Department Hire Date – 02/12/07

Sheldon D. Sherman # [redacted]
Lancaster Station – 04/18/10 (Current assignment)
Department Hire Date – 05/23/07

Andrew M. Taylor # [redacted]
Santa Clarita Valley Station – 09/07/14 (Current assignment)
[redacted] – [redacted]
Department Hire Date – 05/27/08

Amos A. Cisneros # [redacted]
Lancaster Station – 01/21/01
Department Hire Date – 09/09/87

Alfonso J. Stogden #[redacted]
Lancaster Station – 01/21/07 (Current assignment)
Department Hire Date – 11/30/05

Oscar A. Martinez #[redacted]
Lancaster Station – 01/20/13 (Current assignment)
Department Hire Date – 10/29/08

Sergeant Luan V. Dang #[redacted]
Lancaster Station – 02/23/14 (Current assignment)
Department Hire Date – 02/11/02

NON-DEPARTMENT WITNESSES



[redacted] DOB [redacted]
DOB
DOB

SUSPECT

Ray Ronnie Govea M/H, Black/Brown, 507/180, DOB 02/14/86.

The Consolidated Criminal History Reporting System revealed that Suspect Govea was [redacted]. For more information, refer to his booking packet, and criminal record **(Exhibit C).**

INJURIES

No Department personnel were injured during this incident.

Suspect Govea was diagnosed with a "Traumatic Subdural Hematoma," which is a collection of blood on the surface of the brain and usually associated with a serious head injury. There was no evidence of fractures found.

Suspect Govea sustained a laceration to the front scalp. He sustained contusions to the chin, left shoulder, left and right side of his torso. Taser darts were removed from the mid-back and left flank area. Suspect Govea was tested for drug and alcohol use, but none were found in his bloodstream. Refer to the medical records **(Exhibit D).**

IAB Note: **IAB investigators interviewed Doctor Mialkeet Gupta. He stated the injury to the suspect's head and chin was consistent with someone being struck with stunbag rounds, or as a result of striking the ground during a fall.**

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

The scene of the force incident was photographed by Lancaster Station Sergeant Luan Dang. Eleven expended stunbag casings were found, but only eight bean bags were located and recovered from the scene. Refer to the photographs submitted as **(Exhibit E).**

The injuries sustained by Suspect Govea were photographed by IAB investigators. Refer to the photographs submitted as **(Exhibit F).**

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

This incident occurred during night time hours at the sidewalk, directly in front of the [redacted] apartments. Lighting was controlled by street lights, and light fixtures within the apartment complex.

INVESTIGATOR OBSERVATIONS

The scene where the force took place was not preserved for IAB investigators. The evidence was collected and photographed by Sergeant Dang.

WEAPON USED BY SUSPECT

None

WEAPONS TRAINING FOR DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

Deputy Courtial – [redacted]

Deputy Farley – [redacted]

Deputy [redacted] – [redacted]

For more information, refer to their training records **(Exhibit G).**

PROPERTY DAMAGE

None

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR / CHARGES FILED

Suspect Govea was charged with five felony counts. One count of Burglary, one count of Domestic Violence, and three counts of Obstruct / Resist Execute Officer.

On November 21, 2014, Suspect Govea was convicted of Obstruct / Resist Execute Officer and Domestic Violence. He was sentenced to 4 years in prison.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE STATEMENT

IAB investigators conducted digitally recorded interviews of all involved personnel and witnesses. The deputies were shown an aerial photograph, (obtained from Google Earth) of the property at [redacted] East Avenue J-8. It was used as a guide for clarification purposes, and attached to the last page of each verbatim interview transcription. Deputy personnel were represented by Maureen Okwuosa, from the Law Office of Green and Shinee. Some of the deputies elected not to have representation.

Deputy **Michael Courtial** was interviewed on February 25, 2015, by Sergeants Jose Uribe and Julien Olivier at the Internal Affairs Bureau. Deputies Courtial and Ronald Carter responded to a battery just occurred call at the [redacted] apartments, located at [redacted] East Avenue J-8, where they contacted [redacted] in the parking lot. She told the deputies she was assaulted, and pointed toward a male (Suspect Ray Govea) standing on north sidewalk of East Avenue J-8. Deputy Courtial looked in the direction of the male, and heard the suspect shout, "Fuck you pigs." The deputies got into their patrol car, exited the apartment complex and stopped 15-20 yards from the suspect, who at this point was ducking up and down near a dark blue Ford Expedition parked along the curb, facing west. Deputy Courtial ordered the suspect numerous times to step away from the vehicle and to show his hands. In response, the suspect shouted, "Fuck you pigs," "Bring it on," and challenged them to fight. Deputy Carter utilized his portable radio and requested emergency clearance on the radio and broadcasted he needed assistance. The suspect continued to challenge the deputies to fight as he referenced the Men's Central Jail, and said "Fuck you guys. Bring it on. It's on like 3000 floor. Fuck you pigs, let's get down."

As some of the responding deputies arrived, they parked their patrol cars in a crescent like shape, facing the suspect with their spotlights in his direction. Deputies Courtial, Carter, [redacted] approached the suspect from the east and paralleled him as he walked on the sidewalk. Deputy Courtial stopped near a black Dodge Charger parked on the street and told the suspect to stop and to show his hands, but the suspect did not comply.

The suspect then stared and took 2-3 furtive steps toward a group of deputies standing 20 feet from Deputy Courtial. Fearing the suspect was going to attack the deputies, Deputy Courtial aimed his stunbag at the suspect's center mass. He announced he was going to fire his stunbag and fired one round at the suspect at a distance of 30-35 feet, striking his torso area, which had no effect. Deputy Courtial heard multiple stunbag rounds fired by deputy personnel standing to his left. He saw the rounds bounce off the

suspect's torso, which had no effect. Deputy Courtial fired two more rounds, which still had no effect. The suspect turned east toward Deputy Courtial and proceeded to rush toward him. Believing he was going to be attacked, he fired one stunbag round at the suspect at a distance of 20-25 feet, striking his lower back as he twisted his body, due to being struck by a stunbag round someone else fired. The suspect stopped rushing toward Deputy Courtial, and took two steps back toward the sidewalk. He tripped on the sidewalk, landing on the ground, face first.

Deputy Courtial approached the suspect, and saw he was trying to push himself off the ground with his hands. Fearing the suspect would get up and become assaultive, Deputy Courtial transition from the stunbag to his Taser. He announced he was going to fire his Taser and fired it at the suspect at a distance of seven feet. The darts struck the suspect on the back, which had an immediate effect as he fell back to the ground. As the deputies handcuffed the suspect, he placed his Taser on the suspect's back creating a three point contact to ensure its contact, but he did not activate it again. Deputy Courtial stated he fired four stunbag rounds, aiming at the suspect's center mass, and he did not see any of his rounds hit the suspect's head.

Deputy Courtial's statement to IAB investigators was consistent with the information he provided in his Incident Report. Refer to **Exhibit A.**

IAB Note: **The activation log for the Taser (serial # [redacted]) used by Deputy Courtial showed three activations, 21:59:08, 21:59:13, and 21:59:14. The internal clock was off by 1 hour and 42 minutes. Refer to the Taser log (Exhibit H).**

IAB investigators obtained and reviewed a surveillance video from the [redacted]" apartments. The first video segment **(Camera #1)** showed two male deputies and a female in a parking lot. It can be viewed beginning at 23:32:00. The second video segment **(Camera #4)** showed a male ducking up and down near a black Ford Expedition parked on East Avenue J-8. A marked patrol car is seen parking near the Expedition. It can be viewed beginning at 23:33:00. Deputy Courtial was shown the two video segments and was asked to discuss the contents of the video. Deputy Courtial identified the two deputies as himself and Deputy Carter. The female was [redacted]. Deputy Courtial identified the male crouching down near the Ford Expedition as the suspect. The patrol car in the video was his. For more information, refer to the video **(Exhibit B).**

Deputy **Jeremy Farley** was interviewed on February 25, 2015, by Sergeants Jose Uribe and Julien Olivier at the Internal Affairs Bureau. Deputies Farley and Jeremy Esswein responded to an assistance request by Deputy Carter of an uncooperative male reaching into his waistband at [redacted] East Avenue J-8. When they arrived, Deputy Farley saw the suspect standing on the north sidewalk with his left hand in his waist band. Deputy Farley believed the suspect was armed with a firearm, so he drew his firearm and aimed it at the suspect. The suspect pulled his left hand out of his waistband and pointed it toward Deputies Courtial and Carter, simulating he was holding a firearm. The

suspect was given numerous verbal commands to face away from the deputies and to put his hands up, but the suspect did not comply. The suspect cursed at the deputies by saying, "Fuck you guys, I'm going to fuck you up." The suspect took a fighting stance and started bouncing from side to side, and front to back with his fists at face level.

Deputy Farley holstered his firearm and retrieved a stunbag from the trunk of his patrol car. The suspect started moving forward at a rapid pace, toward Deputies Courtial and Carter. Deputy Farley believed the suspect was going to assault the deputies, so he announced three times he was firing his stunbag. He aimed his stunbag at the suspect's lower abdomen, and fired one round at a distance of 45-50 feet, striking him on the abdomen, but it had no effect as the suspect continued to advance. He fired a second round at the suspect, but was unsure if the round struck the suspect; the suspect stopped advancing toward Deputies Courtial and Carter.

The suspect turned around with his fists at face level and started shuffle stepping toward him and Deputy Esswein. Fearing he was going to be assaulted, Deputy Farley fired a second stunbag round at the suspect from a distance of 40 feet, but was uncertain if the round struck him. The suspect continued to advance when Deputy Farley heard 2-3 additional stunbag rounds fired, but did not see the rounds strike the suspect. The suspect stepped off the sidewalk and started rushing toward Deputies Courtial and Carter when Deputy Farley heard an unknown deputy fire an additional stunbag round. He did not see the round strike the suspect.

The suspect stopped advancing toward the deputies, and turned to step back onto the sidewalk. He tripped over the curb and fell forward to the ground, face first, without making an effort to brace himself. Deputy Farley approached the suspect and saw him trying to push himself off the ground with his hands as he shouted, "Fuck you, someone come and fight me, I want to fight." Deputy Farley heard someone shout, "Taser, Taser" and saw the Taser darts strike the suspect on the lower back, which had an immediate effect as the suspect fell back down onto his stomach. As the suspect moved his body left to right, and tensed his legs, Deputy Farley took hold of his legs and crossed his ankles while, applying downward pressure to prevent him from getting up. A female deputy handed him a hobble restraint and in conjunction, they applied the hobble around the suspect's thighs. The suspect was then handcuffed by an unknown deputy.

Deputy Farley saw that the suspect had blood on his face, around his nose and mouth area, but did not locate the source of the injury. He believed the suspect sustained the injuries when he fell to the ground. Deputy Farley said he did not shoot the suspect in the head with a stunbag round, because his aim was to the suspect's lower abdomen area. He was confident the stunbag rounds either impacted him in the abdomen area, or they missed.

Deputy Farley's statement to IAB investigators was consistent with the information he provided in his supplemental report. Refer to **Exhibit A.**

Deputy [redacted] was interviewed on February 25, 2015, by Sergeants Jose Uribe and Julien Olivier at Internal Affairs Bureau. Deputy [redacted] responded to an assistance request by Deputy Carter of an uncooperative male running back and forth between vehicles and refusing to comply with his orders at [redacted] East Avenue J-8. Deputy [redacted] retrieved his stunbag, and took cover behind a black four-door Nissan Altima parked along the curb, facing west. He saw the suspect pacing back and forth covering a distance of 15-20 yards on the north sidewalk. His pace was aggressive, and he had an enraged look to his face with fists clenched. He yelled obscenities at the deputies such as "Fuck you," and "Fuck you Jura" (Jura is a Spanish slang term for Police). The suspect turned his back to the deputies, and reached toward the front of his waistband with his left hand as he looked over his shoulder. The suspect then turned to face the deputies, quickly bringing both hands up as though he was holding a gun. It appeared to Deputy [redacted] the suspect was attempting to bait the deputies to shoot him.

Deputy [redacted] yelled at the suspect to get on the ground, or he could be shot, but the suspect continued to yell at the deputies. The suspect stopped pacing, and suddenly starting running directly toward Deputy Jeremy Esswein who was standing to the right side of him, 15-25 feet away. Fearing Deputy Esswein was going to be assaulted by the suspect; Deputy [redacted] aimed his stunbag at the suspect's center mass and fired two consecutive rounds from a distance of 35-40 feet, but was unsure if the rounds struck the suspect. He heard 3-4 additional stunbag rounds fired, which did not appear to effect the suspect as he yelled, "Those rubber bullets aint shit."

The suspect then focused his attention to a group of deputies who were east of Deputy [redacted], and started running toward them. Believing the suspect was going to attack one of the deputies, he fired two additional rounds to the right side of the suspect's center mass, but was unsure if the rounds struck the suspect. Simultaneously, Deputy [redacted] heard 2-3 additional stunbag rounds fired. The suspect stopped advancing toward the deputies, and walked slightly backward, turned south to walk northbound, and fell to the ground. Deputy [redacted] approached the suspect, and saw him trying to push himself off the ground with his hands. He heard someone announce, "Taser" and the suspect was Tased on the back.

Deputy [redacted] placed his left knee on the suspect's back to apply downward pressure, and grabbed the suspect's left arm to pull it behind his back. The suspect tried to pull away, but Deputy [redacted] forced it behind his back and handcuffed him. Deputy [redacted] saw the suspect was bleeding from his mouth and head, so the suspect was rolled over to his right side of his body, then one of the deputies placed a towel underneath his head. Deputy [redacted] said he did not shoot the suspect in the head with the stunbag rounds as his aim was fixed on the suspect's center mass.

Deputy [redacted]'s statement to IAB investigators was consistent with the information he provided in his supplemental report. Refer to **Exhibit A.**

Deputy [redacted] was interviewed on February 24, 2015, by Sergeants Jose Uribe and Julien Oliver at Internal Affairs Bureau. Deputies [redacted] and Aaron Tanner

responded to a deputy requesting assistance of a male reaching into waistband for a weapon at [redacted] East Avenue J-8. When they arrived to the location, Deputy [redacted] saw the suspect standing on the north sidewalk with his hands in his waistband. Deputy [redacted] took cover behind the engine block of their patrol car, and aimed his firearm at the suspect while telling him to remove his hands from his waistband. The suspect did not comply as he quickly paced back and forth, and ducked up and down in between parked vehicles. The suspect reached into his waistband numerous times. During one of those moments, he pulled out his hand from his waistband and acted as though he was drawing a firearm and pointed his hand at the deputies as he shouted, "Shoot me, shoot me." Deputy Courtial approached the suspect while maintaining cover behind a parked vehicle. Deputy [redacted] heard someone shout, "Stunbag," at which time he saw Deputy Courtial fire between 2-4 stunbag rounds at the suspect. One of the rounds struck the suspect on the back. Deputy [redacted] heard approximately six more stunbag rounds fired, but did not know who fired them, and did not see the rounds strike the suspect.

Deputy Courtial ran to the suspect who was standing on the street near the curb, with his back turned. He discharged his Taser at the suspect and darts struck the suspect on the back. The suspect fell, face first, to the ground, but did not see how he struck the ground. As Deputy [redacted] approached the suspect, he saw the suspect trying to push himself off the ground with his hands. Deputy Courtial drive stunned the suspect on the back with the Taser, which stopped the suspect from getting off the ground. Deputy [redacted] took hold of the suspect's left arm and held on to it, while Deputy [redacted] retrieved his handcuffs. He assisted Deputy [redacted] with handcuffing the suspect. Deputy [redacted] saw the suspect had a cut on his chin, the top of his head was swollen, and saw the suspect spit teeth from his mouth. Deputy [redacted] said he did not see any of stunbag rounds strike the suspect on the head.

Deputy [redacted] statement to IAB investigators was consistent with the information he provided in his supplemental report. Refer to **Exhibit A.**

Deputy [redacted] was interviewed on February 24, 2015, by Sergeants Jose Uribe and Julien Olivier at Internal Affairs Bureau. Deputy [redacted] responded to a deputy requesting assistance of an uncooperative person at [redacted] East Avenue J-8. As Deputy [redacted] near the location, he saw the suspect standing on the north sidewalk, who started to run toward his patrol car as he yelled, "Fuck you, motherfucker, let's go." Deputy [redacted] drove past the suspect to avoid him, then turned around and parked his vehicle behind Deputy Carter's patrol car. Deputy [redacted] armed himself with a shotgun and took cover behind his patrol car. He saw the suspect on the sidewalk about 30 feet away. The suspect ducked up and down behind a SUV parked on the street, and placed his hands in his pockets and he reached toward the rear of his waistband. The suspect walked onto the street, then back to the sidewalk. He lifted his shirt while pointing toward his chest/stomach area to a tattoo that read, "San Fernando," which he believed was a reference to his gang affiliation. Deputies Courtial and Carter told the suspect numerous times to come out and talk to them, to put his hands up, and to take his hands out his pockets.

Deputy [redacted] said the suspect rushed toward him, Deputies Courtial and Carter with his hands behind his back. Deputy Courtial fired four stunbag rounds at the suspect, striking him on the torso and legs at a distance of 30-40 feet away. The rounds did not appear to hinder the suspect, but instead seemed to excite him, almost as though he welcomed the shots. Deputy [redacted] heard additional stunbag rounds fired at the suspect, striking him on the torso, abdomen and legs. The suspect quickly walked back to the sidewalk and he lost sight of him. He then heard a deputy shout the suspect was down on the ground. Deputy [redacted] approached the sidewalk and saw the suspect laying on his stomach with his hands near his chest, almost in a push up position. He grabbed the suspect's right hand and pulled it behind his back. Another deputy grabbed the suspect's left arm and pulled it behind his back, then handcuffed him. Deputy [redacted] saw the suspect had blood on his face, but did not know the source of the injury. Deputy [redacted] said he did not see any of the stunbag rounds strike the suspect on the head.

Deputy [redacted] statement to IAB investigators was consistent with the information he provided in his supplemental report. Refer to **Exhibit A.**

Deputy [redacted] was interviewed on February 18, 2015, by Sergeants Jose Uribe and Julien Olivier at Lancaster Station. Deputy [redacted] responded to Deputy Carter's assistance request at [redacted] East Avenue J-8. Upon her arrival, she saw multiple patrol units at the location. She ran to a group of deputies standing on the north sidewalk. She saw the suspect on the ground, laying on his right side, and handcuffed behind his back. He was yelling incoherently, and his speech was slurred, which made her believed he was had been drinking alcoholic beverages. A deputy was holding the suspect down to ensure he remained on his right side. Deputy Farley was holding the suspect's legs, so she gave him a RIPP hobble restraint. As she helped Deputy Farley apply the hobble around suspect's legs, his body was tense, but he did not resist. Deputy [redacted] saw the suspect had blood on his face, but did not know the source of the injury.

Deputy [redacted] statement to IAB investigators were considerably consistent with the information she provided in her supplemental report. Refer to **Exhibit A.**

EMPLOYEE WITNESSES

Deputy **Ronald Carter** was interviewed on February 24, 2015, by Sergeants Jose Uribe and Julien Olivier at Internal Affairs Bureau. Deputies Carter and Michael Courtial responded to an assault just occurred at the [redacted] apartments, located at [redacted] East Avenue J-8, and contacted [redacted] in the parking lot. She pointed toward a male Hispanic (Suspect Govea) standing on the north sidewalk of East Avenue J-8 and stated, "That's the guy who hit me." Deputy Carter looked in the direction of the suspect and heard the suspect shout, "Fuck you, pigs. Come and get me." Deputy Carter used his portable radio and broadcasted he needed one unit backup regarding an uncooperative person. Deputy Courtial parked in a northwest direction and utilized their spotlight to illuminate the suspect who was near a dark colored Ford Expedition

that was parked along the curb. The suspect exposed his tattoos on his chest by lifting his shirt with both of his hands. Deputy Carter saw one tattoo that read, "SFV," which to Deputy Carter meant the suspect was affiliated with a San Fernando Valley Gang.

Deputy Carter saw the suspect crouched down behind the Expedition while reaching to the rear of his waistband. Deputy Carter believed the suspect was possibly armed with a firearm, so he transmitted on the radio's duplex patch that he needed assistance. Deputy Carter believed the suspect's behavior as he yelled, "Fuck you, come and get me, fucking shoot me, and let's get this on like 3000" and other obscenities, was captured on the duplex patch.

IAB Note: **IAB investigators reviewed the radio traffic, dated 08/31/14 at 11:33 P.M. Deputy Carter was heard broadcasting to SCC that he needed one unit backup regarding an uncooperative subject. He requested the duplex patch, and broadcasted the male subject had his hand in his waistband as he ducked up and down between cars. A male voice could be heard in the back ground yelling several times, the term "Fuck you!" For more information, refer to (Exhibit B).**

Deputy Carter believed the suspect wanted to engage in a physical altercation or be shot by the deputies. Deputy Carter repeatedly ordered the suspect to show him his hands and to get on the ground. The suspect did not comply and continued to move about the sidewalk. The suspect then walked westward on the sidewalk away from them. Deputies Carter, [redacted] and Courtial approached the suspect from the east, paralleling him from the street. As the deputies closed their distance to the suspect, he took a boxing stance with his fists at chin level and shuffled side to side and back to front, as though he was getting ready to fight. The suspect started to shuffle step toward Deputies Carter, Courtial, and [redacted]. The suspect stepped off the sidewalk to the street, as he continued to close his distance to the deputies. Deputy Carter ordered Deputy Courtial to fire his stunbag. Deputy Courtial fired two rounds at the suspect, striking his torso, but it had no effect on him as the suspect continued to advance. Deputy Carter heard more stunbag rounds fired upon the suspect. He then heard Deputy Courtial fire two more rounds at the suspect, which stopped him from advancing toward them.

Deputy Carter said the suspect took a step backward and tripped on the north curb, and fell to the ground, striking the front of his face. Deputy Carter walked toward the suspect and saw the suspect was attempting to push himself off the ground with his hands. Deputy Courtial activated his Taser and the darts struck the suspect on the back, which had an immediate effect as the suspect fell back down to the ground. A group of deputies then handcuffed the suspect. Deputy Carter saw the suspect had blood on his face, and spit pieces of what appeared to be teeth from his mouth. As the suspect was rolled over to his right side of his body, he spontaneously stated, "Those guns suck. Tell your bosses to buy you better shit." The suspect looked up toward the gate of the fence where people had gathered and said, "I'm going home. Don't be like me, stay in school."

Deputy Carter was shown two video segments and was asked to discuss the contents of the video. After viewing the first video segment, Deputy Carter identified the two deputies in the parking lot as himself, and Deputy Courtial, and the female as [redacted]" The second video segment, Deputy Carter identified the male as Suspect Govea who ducked up and down near an SUV type vehicle, and the patrol car, he and Deputy Courtial were in.

Deputy Carter's statement to IAB investigators was consistent with the information he provided in his supplemental report. Refer to **Exhibit A.**

Deputy **Jeremy Esswein** was interviewed on February 24, 2015, by Sergeants Jose Uribe and Julien Olivier at Internal Affairs Bureau. Deputies Esswein and Jeremy Farley responded to a deputy requesting assistance of an uncooperative suspect at [redacted] East Avenue J-8. Deputy Esswein took cover behind his patrol car as it faced northeast, toward the suspect who was standing on the north sidewalk. The suspect started running at him as he yelled, "Fuck you, let's go" and as he reached into his waistband with his left hand. Deputy Esswein aimed his Department issued firearm at the suspect and ordered him to stop and to get down on the ground. The suspect stopped and removed his left hand, which was empty, from his waistband. The suspect took a boxing stance with his hands raised, moving side to side, and back to front. He challenged the deputies to fight as he shouted, "Bring it on, and let's go. I'll fuck you up."

Deputy Esswein heard someone announce that a stunbag was being deployed. He heard one stunbag round fired, and saw the projectile strike the suspect on the abdomen area. It had no effect on him, as he laughed. The suspect then ran toward Deputy Carter and Courtial. Deputy Farley fired 1-2 stunbag rounds at the suspect, but it had no effect on him as he laughed again. The suspect turned toward Deputies Esswein and Farley and said, "Fuck you motherfuckers, I'm gonna fuck you up" and walked toward them with his fists at chest level. Deputy Esswein heard 3-4 stunbag rounds fired, but did not know who fired. The stunbag rounds struck the suspect on the abdomen, but it did not affect him. The suspect stepped off the sidewalk and rushed toward Deputy Courtial and Carter. Deputy Courtial pointed a Taser at the suspect, but did not activate it. As the suspect turned his body to get back on the sidewalk, he tripped over the curb and fell to the ground, striking his face in the process. The suspect got on his hands and knees and was trying to get back up. He was given commands to stay down on the ground, but he kept trying to get up. He heard Deputy Courtial announce he was deploying his Taser, and fired it. The darts struck the suspect on the back, which had an immediate effect as he fell flat on the ground, and he was handcuffed. Deputy Esswein saw the suspect was bleeding from the head and face area, but did not know the source of the injury. Deputy Esswein said he did not see any of the stunbag rounds strike the suspect on the head.

Deputy Esswein's statement to IAB investigators was consistent with the information he provided in his supplemental report. Refer to **Exhibit A.**

Deputy **Aaron Tanner** was interviewed on February 24, 2015, by Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants Jose Uribe and Julien Olivier. Deputies Tanner and [redacted] responded to a deputy requesting assistance at [redacted] East Avenue J-8. When he arrived to the location, he saw the suspect standing on the north sidewalk near parked vehicles on the street. The suspect was gripping something in his right front pocket or waistband and he believe the suspect had a weapon. The suspect darted back and forth, and ducked up and down behind an SUV, and a sedan parked on the street. The suspect repeatedly shouted, "Fuck you. You're gonna have to take me out. You're gonna have to shoot me." Deputy Tanner shouted at the suspect to show his hand as he pointed his M4 at him.

IAB Note: **An M4 is equivalent to an AR-15. It is a gas-operated, magazine-fed, shoulder fire weapon with a telescoping stock and fires .223 caliber rounds.**

Deputy Tanner said he heard deputies on scene tell the suspect to get down on the ground, but the suspect continued to curse at the deputies and continued to dart in between vehicles. He heard six stunbag rounds fired. Some of the rounds struck the suspect on his legs, his torso and one to the back. As the rounds were fired, the suspect would charge or run in the direction where the shots were fired, and shouted, "Your guns aren't shit, they're week. You need stronger weapons."

Deputy Tanner said as one of the stunbag rounds struck the suspect on the leg, the suspect stepped back, and lost his footing. He tripped over the curb and fell, face first to the ground. Deputy Tanner approached the suspect and saw his hands underneath him. He thought the suspect was attempting to maintain control of whatever weapon he had in his waistband, so he maintained cover on the suspect with his M4. He heard Deputy Courtial announce "Taser," then fired it as the darts struck the suspect on the back. As the suspect was handcuffed by deputies, he shouted, "Was that better than Rodney King?" He then said, "Stay in school, don't do drugs." Deputy Tanner saw that the suspect had an injury to his chin and to the top of his head. He did not see those injuries prior to falling to the ground. Deputy Tanner said he did not see any of the stunbag rounds fired by deputy personnel strike the suspect on the head.

Deputy Tanner's statement to IAB investigators was consistent with the information he provided in his supplemental report. Refer to **Exhibit A.**

Deputy **Sheldon Sherman** was interviewed on February 25, 2015, by Sergeants Jose Uribe and Julien Olivier at Internal Affairs Bureau. Deputy Sherman responded to a deputy requesting assistance of an uncooperative person at [redacted] East Avenue J-8. When he arrived, he saw several deputies taking cover behind patrol cars and pointing their weapons toward the north sidewalk. He saw the suspect jumping around on the sidewalk, like a boxer getting ready for a match. His fists were raised at chest level and he was yelling.

Deputy Sherman heard 6-7 stunbag rounds fired, and he saw Deputy Jeremy Farley fire two stunbag rounds at the suspect, but was uncertain if the rounds struck the suspect, because he continued to jump around. At the same time, he saw a group of females standing in the apartment complex and screaming. Deputy Sherman redirected his attention to the suspect who had his back turned toward the apartments. He saw an unknown deputy, with a Taser in his hand, run to the suspect and Tase him on the back. He did not hear the activation of the Taser, but he believed the suspect was Tased, because the suspect fell to the ground. Deputy Sherman focused his attention on the group of people, because he was concerned they knew the suspect, and they might have had weapons. By the time he focused his attention on the suspect again, the suspect was already handcuffed with a hobble restraint placed on his legs. Deputy Sherman saw the suspect was bleeding from his head, but did not know the source of injury. He believed the suspect struck his head on the ground when he fell, because he was not bleeding when he was standing up.

Deputy Sherman's statement to IAB investigators was consistent with the information he provided in his supplemental report. Refer to **Exhibit A.**

Deputy **Andrew Taylor** was interviewed on February 12, 2015, by IAB investigators at Internal Affairs Bureau. Deputy Taylor responded to a deputy requesting assistance at [redacted] East Avenue J-8. Upon arrival, he saw several deputies on their knees holding down the suspect who lay face down on the sidewalk. The suspect was shifting his body and kicking out his legs, but he was unsure if the suspect was handcuffed. Deputy Taylor heard the suspect shout that the stunbag rounds did not hurt him. The suspect then shouted toward a crowd of people and said, "Stay in school, and don't be like me." Deputy Taylor could not recall if the suspect had any injuries. When paramedics arrived, the suspect was transported to Antelope Valley Hospital.

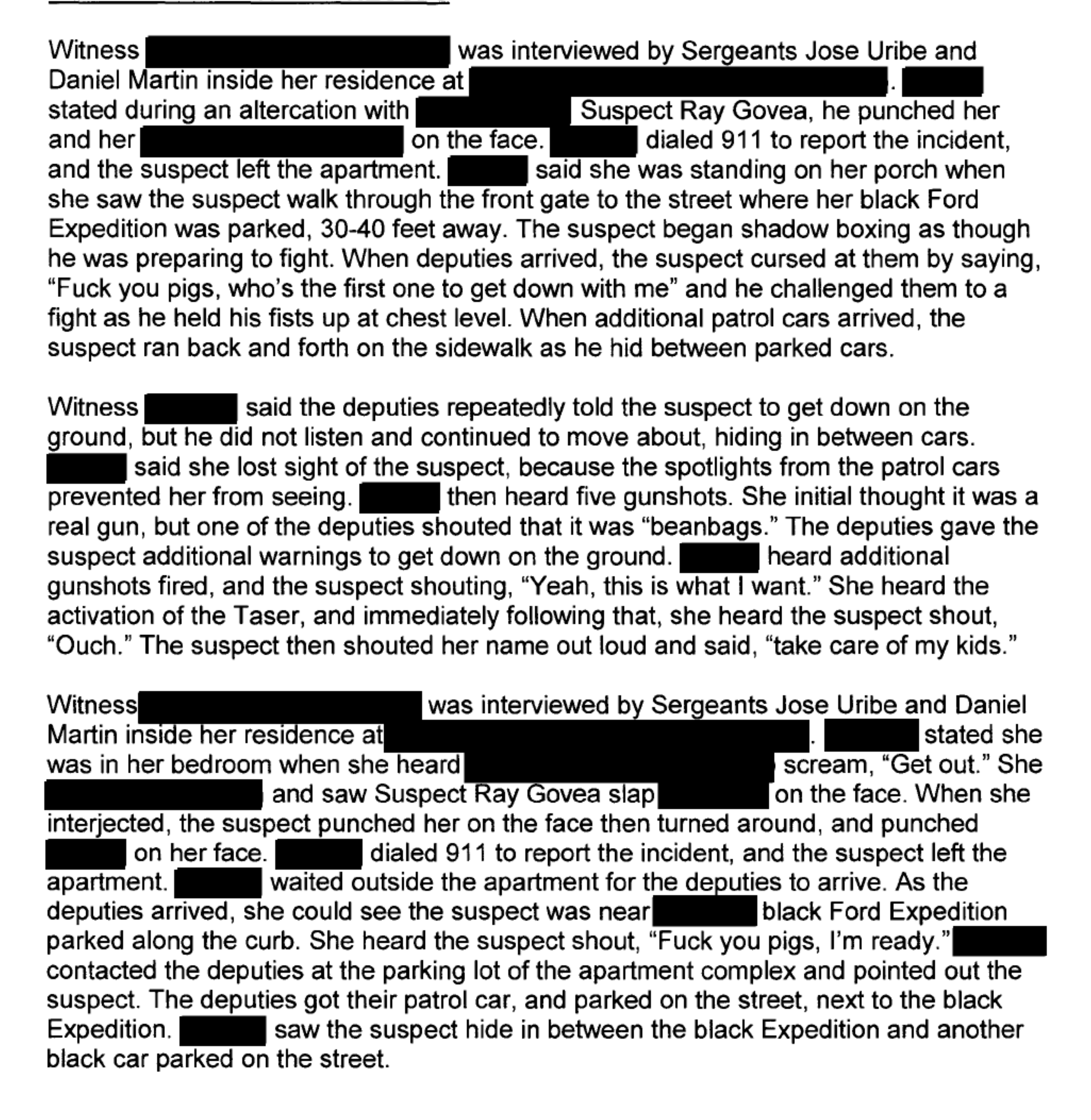
Deputy Taylor's statement to IAB investigators was consistent with the information he provided in his supplemental report. Refer to **Exhibit A.**

Deputy **Amor Cisneros** was interviewed on February 18, 2015, by Sergeants Jose Uribe and Julien Olivier at Lancaster Station. Deputy Cisneros responded a deputy requesting assistance at [redacted] East Avenue J-8. As he arrived to the location, he drove his patrol vehicle at 5 miles per hour. He saw a male suspect laying on the north sidewalk bucking, kicking out his legs and moving his arms violently. The suspect was doing everything in his power to prevent from being taken into custody. The deputies were trying to control him by placing his hands behind his back and holding down his legs. Deputy Cisneros was unable to identify the deputies involved as their backs were facing him, and the parked vehicles blocked his view. Deputy Cisneros said he believed there were enough deputies to get the situation under control, so he stayed in his patrol car and drove away.

Sergeant **Luan Dang** was interviewed on February 18, 2015, by Sergeants Jose Uribe and Julien Olivier at Lancaster Station. Sergeant Dang stated, he responded to a deputy requesting assistance of a combative suspect at [redacted] East Avenue J-8. He responded from the station and when he arrived, he saw multiple patrol cars had

already arrived. He saw the suspect on the ground, handcuffed behind his back, and he saw blood on the ground. A group of deputies were holding the suspect down on the ground as he swung his head around, and screamed profanities.

Sergeant Dang said he secured the scene and ensured the suspect received medical attention. He recovered the M26 Taser used during the incident to download and retrieve the data off the Taser. Sergeant Dang discovered the Taser's internal clock was incorrect as it was behind by 1 hour and 42 minutes.



NON-DEPARTMENT WITNESSES

Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Sergeants Jose Uribe and Daniel Martin inside her residence at [redacted]. [redacted] stated during an altercation with [redacted] Suspect Ray Govea, he punched her and her [redacted] on the face. [redacted] dialed 911 to report the incident, and the suspect left the apartment. [redacted] said she was standing on her porch when she saw the suspect walk through the front gate to the street where her black Ford Expedition was parked, 30-40 feet away. The suspect began shadow boxing as though he was preparing to fight. When deputies arrived, the suspect cursed at them by saying, "Fuck you pigs, who's the first one to get down with me" and he challenged them to a fight as he held his fists up at chest level. When additional patrol cars arrived, the suspect ran back and forth on the sidewalk as he hid between parked cars.

Witness [redacted] said the deputies repeatedly told the suspect to get down on the ground, but he did not listen and continued to move about, hiding in between cars. [redacted] said she lost sight of the suspect, because the spotlights from the patrol cars prevented her from seeing. [redacted] then heard five gunshots. She initial thought it was a real gun, but one of the deputies shouted that it was "beanbags." The deputies gave the suspect additional warnings to get down on the ground. [redacted] heard additional gunshots fired, and the suspect shouting, "Yeah, this is what I want." She heard the activation of the Taser, and immediately following that, she heard the suspect shout, "Ouch." The suspect then shouted her name out loud and said, "take care of my kids."

Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Sergeants Jose Uribe and Daniel Martin inside her residence at [redacted]. [redacted] stated she was in her bedroom when she heard [redacted] scream, "Get out." She [redacted] and saw Suspect Ray Govea slap [redacted] on the face. When she interjected, the suspect punched her on the face then turned around, and punched [redacted] on her face. [redacted] dialed 911 to report the incident, and the suspect left the apartment. [redacted] waited outside the apartment for the deputies to arrive. As the deputies arrived, she could see the suspect was near [redacted] black Ford Expedition parked along the curb. She heard the suspect shout, "Fuck you pigs, I'm ready." [redacted] contacted the deputies at the parking lot of the apartment complex and pointed out the suspect. The deputies got their patrol car, and parked on the street, next to the black Expedition. [redacted] saw the suspect hide in between the black Expedition and another black car parked on the street.

[redacted] said one of the deputies used his portable radio and requested back-up, while the other deputy brought out a "bean bag gun" from the trunk of the patrol car. When additional deputies arrived, the suspect continued to scream at them while hiding between vehicles, and holding on to his shorts as if he was holding something. [redacted] said that based on what the suspect was doing, she felt if she was a peace officer, she would have believed the suspect had a weapon in his possession. [redacted] said she heard deputies shout, "Get down on the ground" multiple times, but the suspect did not comply. She heard about 10 rapid shots. She did not see if the rounds struck the suspect, because the spotlights of the patrol cars prevented her from seeing; however, she could hear the suspect shouting, "This is what I like, this is what I want." [redacted] initially thought the gunfire was from a real gun, but soon realized the gunfire was from a stunbag, because one of the deputies shouted, "Calm down, it was just a beanbag." [redacted] heard one of the deputies say that the Taser was going to be used. She heard the activation of the Taser, and believed the suspect was Tased because he shouted, "Ouch." [redacted] did not see when suspect fell to the ground or when he was handcuffed, but saw him as he was being escorted to an ambulance.

Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Sergeant Jose Uribe and Daniel Martin inside her residence at [redacted]. Witness [redacted] stated she was in her [redacted], watching television, when she heard screaming outside [redacted] then heard sirens. She opened her glass sliding door when she heard someone shout, "Get back, get back, you're in the line of fire," and a lady screaming. She closed the door and ran to get her husband, who was in their bedroom. They walked to their son's play room and she opened a window where she had partial view of the deputies. She saw deputies fire 5-6 stunbag rounds, but did not see who the intended target was. When the gunfire stopped, she went to her sliding door and opened it. At a distance of 50 feet, she saw deputies detaining a male on the sidewalk, who had blood on his face as he shouted, "Was this better than Don King?" and "Go to school, go to work." The male was placed on a gurney and escorted to an ambulance.

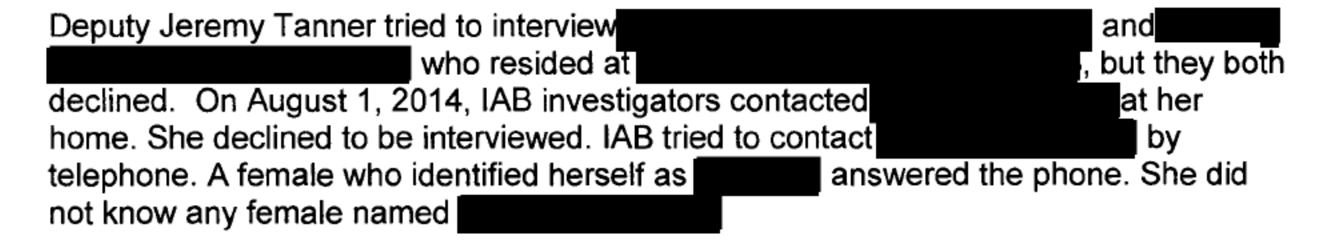
SUSPECT RAY GOVEA

On August 1, 2014, Suspect **Ray Govea** was interviewed by Sergeants Jose Uribe and Daniel Martin at Antelope Valley Hospital. The suspect stated he was involved in an argument with [redacted] During the incident, someone called the police, so he waited for the police to arrive on the sidewalk at Avenue J-8, because he knew he was going to jail. When the first patrol car with two deputies arrived, they stepped out of the car and were standing 15-20 feet away from him. The deputies did not say anything to him; they racked and pointed their shotguns at him, which agitated him, because he believed the police did not know the whole story. He said if the deputies' intentions were to use force against him, he was not going to surrender. The suspect said he was also scared, so he ducked behind cars. He cursed at the police by saying, "You fuckers are gonna kill me, fuck you assholes." When additional police officers arrived, they too pulled out their weapons, so he ducked behind another parked vehicle.

Suspect Govea was asked why he did not surrender to the police by putting his hands up in the air to show he did not have any weapons. He replied by saying, he was not going to step out in front of the deputies as they had their guns drawn. He said "There's a lot of dirty cops out here, and there's a lot of stuff that you guys don't know about, and I'm not - - you know, I'm not gonna take that shit from these guys." The suspect continued by saying the police fired about nine stunbag rounds at him in rapid succession at a distance of 15-16 feet away. He felt the effects of each bean bag round as he tensed his body and felt pain to his stomach, legs, shoulder, chin and his back.

Suspect Govea said the last round hit him on the head, which caused him to collapse and fall to the ground. He was then Tased, which awakened him and he saw he had blood on his face. The suspect felt a burning sensation from the Taser wires that ran along his back and through his fingers. He believed the deputy who fired the Taser kept his finger on the trigger. The suspect said he may have been shot on the chin, but he was not sure. He also said there was a possibility he struck his chin on the ground during his fall. When paramedics arrived, he was transported to the hospital in an ambulance.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



Deputy Jeremy Tanner tried to interview [redacted] and [redacted] who resided at [redacted], but they both declined. On August 1, 2014, IAB investigators contacted [redacted] at her home. She declined to be interviewed. IAB tried to contact [redacted] by telephone. A female who identified herself as [redacted] answered the phone. She did not know any female named [redacted]